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In re Application of:

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For: NOVEL PROTEINS AND
METHODS FOR PRODUCING THE
PROTEINS

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Examiner: M. Pak

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PETITION TO THE COMMISSIONER

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner for a status on the suspension of the above-identified application.

On March 21, 2001, a communication from the Examiner was mailed, indicating that the above-identified application was to continue to be suspended, and requesting certified translations of the priority documents. On April 9, 2001, Applicants responded to this communication by filing certified translations of the priority documents.

Since the filing of the certified translations of the priority documents, five inquiries concerning continued suspension of action have been submitted (on July 31, 2002, October 7, 2002, December 20, 2002, March 5, 2003 and May 27, 2003). A copy of the date-stamped postcard receipts for each of these submissions is attached. To date, a response to Applicant's requests has not been received by the Applicants. Therefore, Applicants respectfully petition that the Commissioner provide a status update to the undersigned as soon as possible.

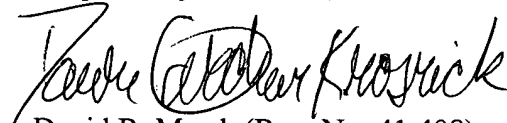
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Even if the status has not changed, Applicants would like a formal confirmation of that in order to ensure that there are no outstanding requirements or issues that need attention.

The fee (37 C.F.R. §1.17(h)) may be \$130.00 for this petition. If so, the United States Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge said fee, or a greater one if applicable, to our Deposit Account No. 50-2387. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed. However, Applicants request that any fee requirement be waived in that lack of responses to the numerous status requests are through no fault of Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,



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